

Abstract

Authentication of key devices

5 The invention relates to a method for
authentication of key devices using an asymmetric
encryption method, in which the key device is assigned
a device-specific certificate (Z). According to the
invention, each key device is assigned a group-specific
signature key (pAD) and a group-specific signature
10 (S(Z)) of the certificate (Z), with a group being
composed of a limited total number of key devices.

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